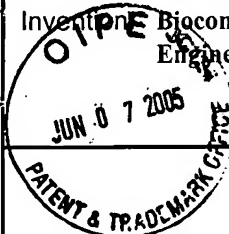
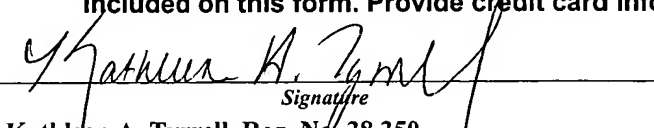


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. DRE-0067	
Applicant(s): Laurencin et al.					
Application No. 10/052,121	Filing Date January 17, 2002	Examiner Naff, David M.	Customer No. 26259	Group Art Unit 1651	Confirmation No. 1682
Invention: Biocompatible, Biodegradable Polymer-Based Lighter Than or Light as Water Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering and Methods for Preparation and Use Thereof					
 COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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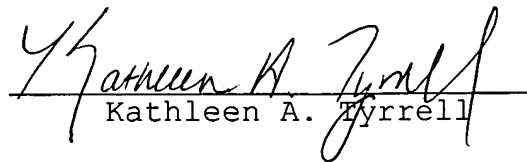
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- 3) Executed Declaration by Dr. Cato T. Laurencin;
- 4) Return Postcard.


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